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AMENDMENTS TO SENATE AMENDMENTS, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, JUNE
27, 2014

AN ACT

1 Designating a portion of County Line Road separating Montgomery
2 County and Bucks County as the SP4 Ronald C. Smith Memorial
3 Highway; designating a portion of Pennsylvania Route 233 from
4 the northern corporate limits of Newville Borough to the
5 Cumberland County and Perry County line as the Sergeant
6 Timothy L. Hayslett Memorial Highway; designating a bridge on
7 that portion of US 22/US 322 Eastbound over Interstate 81,
8 Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, as the Chief Warrant
9 Officer Matthew Ruffner Memorial Bridge; designating a
10 portion of Pennsylvania Route 12 in Alsace Township, Berks
11 County, as the Special Warfare Operator Chief (SEAL) Lance M.
12 Vaccaro Highway; designating the bridge on State Route 3023,
13 Johns Road, Johnstown, Cambria County, as the Clara Barton
14 Memorial Bridge; designating the bridge located on State
15 Route 1003, Old York Road, over the Pennsylvania Turnpike, in
16 Fairview Township, York County, as the Staff Sergeant Guy E.
17 Shelley Memorial Bridge; designating the portion of State
18 Route 51, known as Fleming Park Road, that intersects with
19 Coraopolis Road in Kennedy Township, Allegheny County, as the
20 Captain Sean M. Ruane Memorial Highway; ~~and~~ designating the <--
21 bridge crossing the Lackawanna River along 8th Avenue, also
22 known as U.S. Business Route 6, in downtown Carbondale,
23 Lackawanna County, as the 109th Infantry Bridge; DESIGNATING <--
24 STATE BRIDGE NO. 53-0054-0290-0143 CARRYING S.R. 54 IN
25 MAHANoy TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL COUNTY, OVER THE READING AND

1 NORTHERN RAILROAD, AS THE CORNELIUS MCELHENNY MEMORIAL
2 BRIDGE; DESIGNATING A BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE
3 66 OVER THE KISKIMINETAS RIVER, LEECHBURG BOROUGH, ARMSTRONG
4 COUNTY, AS THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE; REDESIGNATING
5 CONCORD ROAD (S.R. 3007) IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP, DELAWARE
6 COUNTY, AS JUDGE ROBERT A. WRIGHT MEMORIAL ROAD; DESIGNATING
7 WHITAKER AVENUE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH ROOSEVELT
8 BOULEVARD IN PHILADELPHIA CITY, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, TO THE
9 POINT WHERE IT MEETS EAST ERIE AVENUE IN PHILADELPHIA CITY,
10 PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, AS THE 65TH INFANTRY "BORINQUENEERS"
11 AVENUE; DESIGNATING THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 45, FROM THE
12 INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 26, SEGMENT 0140, OFFSET 0000, IN
13 PINE GROVE MILLS, CENTRE COUNTY, TO U.S. BUSINESS ROUTE 322,
14 SEGMENT 0240, OFFSET 0000, IN BOALSBURG, CENTRE COUNTY, AS
15 THE SERGEANT ADAM HARTSWICK INTERCHANGE; DESIGNATING A BRIDGE
16 ON THAT PORTION OF 17TH STREET OVER STATE ROUTE 56 IN WINDBER
17 BOROUGH, SOMERSET COUNTY, AS THE TROOPER JOSEPH SEPP MEMORIAL
18 BRIDGE; DESIGNATING A PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 30 IN
19 PHILADELPHIA COUNTY AS THE BETTY ANN TOWNES MEMORIAL HIGHWAY;
20 DESIGNATING A BRIDGE IN GREENE COUNTY AS THE LIEUTENANT
21 COLONEL CEPHUS LEE ROUPE MEMORIAL BRIDGE; AND DESIGNATING A
22 BRIDGE ON THAT PORTION OF STATE ROUTE 2020 OVER INTERSTATE 81
23 IN THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE, LACKAWANNA COUNTY, AS THE 2ND
24 LIEUTENANT CAROL ANN DRAZBA AND VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL
25 BRIDGE.

26 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
27 hereby enacts as follows:

28 Section 1. SP4 Ronald C. Smith Memorial Highway.

29 (a) Findings.--

30 (1) SP4 Ronald Carlton Smith was a resident of Hatboro,
31 Pennsylvania, before enlisting in the United States Army on
32 December 6, 1967, at 23 years of age.

33 (2) SP4 Smith was assigned to Troop E, 1st Cavalry, 11th
34 Infantry Brigade, Americal Division of the United States Army
35 in Vietnam.

36 (3) SP4 Smith served as an Armor Reconnaissance
37 Specialist, gathering intelligence on terrain features;
38 scouting enemy force strength and locations; driving armored,
39 tracked and wheeled vehicles and engaging in tactical
40 operations against enemy troops.

41 (4) While valiantly serving his country, SP4 Smith was
42 killed by an explosive device on April 14, 1968, in the Quang

1 Ngai Province of South Vietnam.

2 (b) Designation.--The section of County Line Road separating
3 Montgomery and Bucks Counties from Maple Avenue to Easton Road
4 is hereby designated the SP4 Ronald C. Smith Memorial Highway.

5 (c) Signs.---The Department of Transportation shall erect
6 and maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the
7 highway to traffic in both directions on the highway.

8 Section 2. Sergeant Timothy L. Hayslett Memorial Highway.

9 (a) Findings and declarations.--The General Assembly finds
10 and declares as follows:

11 (1) Timothy L. Hayslett was born May 17, 1977, in
12 Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He moved to Newville,
13 Pennsylvania, in Cumberland County along with his family in
14 1983. He attended Big Spring High School in Newville and
15 entered the United States Army in 1995 where he served for
16 eight years.

17 (2) Sergeant Hayslett was assigned to the Headquarters
18 and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 37th Armored
19 Regiment, 1st Armored Division at Friedberg, Germany. He died
20 November 15, 2003, at 26 years of age while on patrol in
21 Baghdad, Iraq, when an improvised explosive device struck his
22 Humvee.

23 (3) Sergeant Hayslett was awarded the Purple Heart and
24 the Bronze Star Medal for his wounds sustained in combat
25 against an enemy of the United States. He was also awarded
26 the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal,
27 the Global War on Terror Service Medal and the Iraq Campaign
28 Medal with Two Bronze Service Stars.

29 (4) Sergeant Timothy Hayslett, the beloved son of Guy L.
30 and Mary D. Hayslett of Newville, PA, was courageously

1 serving his country at the time of his death, and his
2 excellence as a soldier has been extolled by many.

3 (b) Designation.--The section of Pennsylvania Route 233 from
4 the northern corporate limits of Newville Borough to the
5 Cumberland County and Perry County line is hereby designated as
6 the Sergeant Timothy L. Hayslett Memorial Highway.

7 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
8 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
9 traffic in both directions on the highway.

10 Section 3. Chief Warrant Officer Matthew Ruffner Memorial
11 Bridge.

12 (a) Findings.--

13 (1) Chief Warrant Officer (CWO) Matthew Ruffner was a
14 resident of Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County,
15 Pennsylvania.

16 (2) CWO Ruffner was a pilot and a senior flight
17 instructor at Fort Indiantown Gap.

18 (3) While bravely serving his country, CWO Ruffner was
19 killed in Afghanistan on April 9, 2013, in a helicopter
20 crash.

21 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on US 22/US 322
22 Eastbound over Interstate 81 in Susquehanna Township, Dauphin
23 County, is hereby designated the Chief Warrant Officer Matthew
24 Ruffner Memorial Bridge.

25 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
26 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
27 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

28 Section 4. Special Warfare Operator Chief (SEAL) Lance M.
29 Vaccaro Highway.

30 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as

1 follows:

2 (1) Special Warfare Operator Chief (SEAL) Lance M.
3 Vaccaro was born in Reading in 1972 and was raised and lived
4 in Alsace Township from 1973 until 1987, attending the Oley
5 Valley School District public schools.

6 (2) Special Warfare Operator Chief Lance M. Vaccaro
7 graduated from Oley Valley High School in 1990 and after
8 studying briefly at Kutztown University enlisted in the
9 United States Navy in 1991.

10 (3) After serving aboard the U.S.S. George Washington
11 and U.S.S. Kitty Hawk, Special Warfare Operator Chief Lance
12 M. Vaccaro became a member of the United States Navy's elite
13 SEALs in 1997 and subsequently was deployed on overseas
14 missions in Kosovo, Afghanistan and Iraq.

15 (4) Special Warfare Operator Chief Lance M. Vaccaro died
16 during a training mission in the United States in 2008.

17 (5) Special Warfare Operator Chief Lance M. Vaccaro's
18 awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal,
19 Army Commendation Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal,
20 four Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medals, two Combat
21 Action Ribbons, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit
22 Commendation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Kosovo
23 Campaign Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign
24 Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Global War on
25 Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and Armed Forces Service Medal.

26 (6) Special Warfare Operator Chief Lance M. Vaccaro is
27 survived by his parents, Joseph and Christine L. Vaccaro.

28 (b) Designation.--The section of Pennsylvania Route 12 in
29 Alsace Township, Berks County, is hereby designated the Special
30 Warfare Operator Chief (SEAL) Lance M. Vaccaro Highway.

1 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
2 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
3 traffic in both directions on the highway.

4 Section 5. Clara Barton Memorial Bridge.

5 (a) Findings.--

6 (1) In 1882, after years of work, pioneer nurse Clara
7 Barton's organization, the American National Red Cross, was
8 officially established.

9 (2) On June 5, 1889, approximately five days after the
10 South Fork Dam broke in Johnstown, Pennsylvania, Clara Barton
11 and a group of Red Cross volunteers rode the train to the
12 devastated town to help the survivors in one of the first
13 major disaster responses for the organization.

14 (3) Clara Barton and the Red Cross remained in the town
15 for more than five months and provided aid to more than
16 25,000 people by establishing feeding stations, building
17 shelters and rendering medical care.

18 (4) Clara Barton continued her work with the Red Cross
19 helping others during times of disaster until her resignation
20 in 1904 at 83 years of age. She died April 12, 1912, at 90
21 years of age.

22 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 3023,
23 Johns Street, over Little Conemaugh River in Johnstown, Cambria
24 County is hereby designated the Clara Barton Memorial Bridge.

25 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
26 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
27 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

28 Section 6. Staff Sergeant Guy E. Shelley Memorial Bridge.

29 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
30 follows:

1 (1) Guy E. Shelley was born in Harrisburg and resided in
2 nearby New Cumberland at the time of his military service.

3 (2) Staff Sergeant Shelley was a Gunner and the
4 Assistant Flight Engineer on the Lady Be Good, an American B-
5 24D Liberator stationed in Soluch, Libya. This small desert
6 airstrip was about 34 miles southeast of Benghazi.

7 (3) On April 4, 1943, the Lady Be Good was one of 25
8 bombers of the 514th/376th Bomb Squadron of the United States
9 Army Air Forces that took off in a sandstorm to strike
10 Naples, Italy. The 700-mile mission began at 3:10 p.m.

11 (4) The Lady Be Good was the only B-24 that did not
12 safely return and, at approximately 2 a.m., the Liberator ran
13 out of fuel, and her crew bailed out some 440 miles southeast
14 of Soluch.

15 (5) Most of the nine-member crew survived the crash and
16 lived more than a week with little water or food in a desert
17 with 130 degree daytime temperatures and nighttime
18 temperatures of 35 degrees. Eight of the crew trekked 85
19 miles from the crash site, with three members, including
20 Staff Sergeant Shelley, traveling an additional 20-plus miles
21 in search of rescue. All crew members died in the desert
22 despite their valiant efforts to survive.

23 (6) Wreckage of the B-24 was eventually discovered, and
24 the remains of Staff Sergeant Shelley and his Lady Be Good
25 crewmates were recovered 17 years after the crash and
26 returned to the United States for interment.

27 (b) Designation.--The bridge located on State Route 1003,
28 Old York Road, over the Pennsylvania Turnpike, in Fairview
29 Township, York County, is hereby designated the Staff Sergeant
30 Guy E. Shelley Memorial Bridge.

1 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
2 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
3 traffic in both directions on the bridge.

4 Section 7. Captain Sean M. Ruane Memorial Highway.

5 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
6 follows:

7 (1) Captain Sean M. Ruane, a highly decorated combat
8 veteran, was born October 11, 1982, and graduated from
9 Montour High School in 2000 and Embry Riddle Aeronautical
10 University in 2005.

11 (2) Upon graduation, Captain Ruane entered the United
12 States Air Force and became a pilot.

13 (3) Captain Ruane was deployed five times to the
14 battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan.

15 (4) Captain Ruane was assigned to the 56th Rescue
16 Squadron at the Royal Air Force's Lakenheath base in England.

17 (5) On January 7, 2014, Captain Ruane paid the supreme
18 sacrifice while serving his country when the plane in which
19 he was instructing fellow airmen crashed in eastern England.

20 (b) Designation.--The section of State Route 51, known as
21 Fleming Park Road, that intersects with Coraopolis Road in
22 Kennedy Township, Allegheny County, is hereby designated as the
23 Captain Sean M. Ruane Memorial Highway.

24 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
25 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the highway to
26 traffic in both directions on the highway.

27 Section 8. 109th Infantry Bridge.

28 (a) Findings.--The General Assembly finds and declares as
29 follows:

30 (1) The 109th Infantry Regiment constitutes one of four

1 regiments in the 55th Heavy Brigade Combat Team, 28th
2 Infantry Division. Units of this Brigade date back to the
3 American Revolution and were engaged in all the wars of this
4 nation.

5 (2) The 109th Infantry trace their origins to the
6 Scranton City Guards Battalion, National Guard of
7 Pennsylvania, which was constituted and organized on August
8 14, 1877. It was redesignated on September 23, 1878, as the
9 13th Infantry Regiment. The unit was mustered into Federal
10 service on May 12 and 13, 1898, at Mount Gretna,
11 Pennsylvania, as the 13th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry
12 Regiment for the Spanish American War. The unit did not serve
13 outside the continental United States. It was mustered out of
14 Federal service on March 11, 1899, at Augusta, Georgia.

15 (3) On September 26, 1916, the unit was mustered into
16 Federal service at Mount Gretna for service on the Mexican
17 border and was stationed at Camp Stewart, El Paso, Texas. As
18 border patrol operations began to close, the unit continued
19 in Federal service as the United States entered World War I.
20 The unit was drafted into Federal service on August 5, 1917.
21 The unit was consolidated with the 1st Infantry Regiment,
22 which was organized in 1777 and it was reorganized and
23 redesignated as the 109th Infantry Regiment, an element of
24 the 28th Division. The unit was mustered out of Federal
25 service from May 17 through 20, 1919, at Camp Dix, New
26 Jersey, and returned to the Commonwealth's control.

27 (4) The soldiers of the 109th Infantry Regiment earned
28 the nickname "Men of Iron" for the three-day defense against
29 overwhelming odds during the German Army's Champagne-Marne
30 Offensive when the 109th Infantry Regiment was attacked by

1 the German 36th Division. A later German after-action report
2 described the battle as "the most severe defeat of the war."
3 The unit received campaign participation credit for the
4 following: Champagne-Marne, Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, Meuse-
5 Argonne, Champagne 1918 and Lorraine 1918. The regiment had
6 suffered more than 100% casualties from the time it began
7 service in Europe until the signing of the Armistice on
8 November 11, 1918. Fighting was so fierce in some battles
9 that in one case, an entire battalion was left in command of
10 a sergeant. The red "Keystone," the symbol of the
11 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, became the patch of the 28th
12 Division. It was the second official unit patch recognized by
13 the War Department, even though the symbol of the red
14 keystone has been worn on the uniforms of Pennsylvania
15 soldiers since the 1870s.

16 (5) Ten months before the Japanese sneak attack on Pearl
17 Harbor, the 28th Division, including the 109th Infantry
18 Regiment, received orders into Federal service. After the
19 United States entered World War II, the division trained
20 extensively in Pennsylvania, Louisiana, Florida, England and
21 Wales. The 109th became a Regimental Combat Team. It landed
22 in France after D-Day and fought through Normandy, helped
23 liberate Paris and battled through the Hurtgen Forest of
24 Germany. Elements of the Regiment led the Division into the
25 Rhineland to become the first troops to invade German soil
26 since Napoleon and became bitterly engaged in the "West Wall"
27 of Germany. The 109th Infantry paid with human life and blood
28 as they received the following battle honors: Normandy,
29 Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes-Alsace and Central
30 Europe. They also received the following decorations from

1 foreign governments: the French Croix de Guerre with Palm,
2 streamer embroidered "COLMAR" and the Luxembourg Croix de
3 Guerre, streamer embroidered "LUXEMBOURG."

4 (6) The most noteworthy of the 109th Infantry's
5 achievements during World War II came while the Regiment
6 rested in the Ardennes sector, considered a "quiet" area,
7 early in December 1944. At that time, the German General Von
8 Rundstedt launched the vicious, well-planned battle which
9 became known as the Battle of the Bulge. For eleven days the
10 109th Regimental Combat Team had frustrated the offensive
11 efforts of the German 5th Parachute Division and the 352nd VG
12 Division to seize key terrain and establish a firm southern
13 defense line for the main offensive thrust to seize Antwerp.
14 By December 23, 1944, the 915th Volksgrenadier Regiment,
15 352nd Volksgrenadier (VG) Division, the major foe, had been
16 eliminated by the 109th Regimental Combat Team as a combat
17 organization. Elements of the 914th and 916th Volksgrenadier
18 Regiments also suffered sizeable losses. By December 25,
19 1944, except for the 2nd Battalion, the men of the 109th
20 Infantry began to push back north across the Sure River which
21 they had slowly been pushed through the previous eleven days.
22 They had suffered 1,174 casualties in the battle in just the
23 month of December, almost 40% of their effective strength.

24 (7) Those of the 109th Infantry also underwent
25 mobilization for the Korean War with the 28th Infantry
26 Division, Pennsylvania National Guard, as it reinforced NATO
27 in Germany in 1950. Several Pennsylvania units saw active
28 service in Korea. Additionally, from September 2002 until
29 March 2003, the unit was mobilized in support of Operation
30 Joint Forge in Bosnia-Herzegovina. On January 4, 2005, the

1 battalion mobilized again and was assigned to the 2nd Brigade
2 Combat Team, 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized) which
3 deployed in June 2005 to Al Anbar Province, Iraq, in support
4 of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

5 (8) Since that time, the 109th Infantry has provided
6 assistance to local residents of northeastern Pennsylvania
7 during times of flooding and other natural disasters.
8 Additionally, those in the Regiment continue their job of
9 maintaining their equipment and training for needed future
10 service. Among those who serve at the 109th Infantry
11 Headquarters in Scranton are residents of Carbondale,
12 Berwick, East Stroudsburg, Honesdale, Milton, Williamsport
13 and other areas of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Wayne, Pike,
14 Lycoming and other northeastern Pennsylvania counties. All of
15 these who serve do so for all of the people of Pennsylvania
16 and the nation and stand proud with the military readiness
17 entrusted them according to the Regiment's motto, "CIVES ARMA
18 FERANT: Let the Citizens Bear Arms."

19 (b) Designation.--Because of the great history, sacrifice
20 and commitment of those who have served in the 109th Infantry
21 Regiment, the bridge crossing the Lackawanna River along 8th
22 Avenue, also known as U.S. Business Route 6, in downtown
23 Carbondale, Lackawanna County, is hereby designated the 109th
24 Infantry Bridge.

25 (c) Signs.--The Department of Transportation shall erect and
26 maintain appropriate signs displaying the name of the bridge to
27 traffic in both directions on the bridge with the infantry's
28 motto "CIVES ARMA FERANT: Let the Citizens Bear Arms" showing on
29 the sign. Additionally, the department shall work with officials
30 of the City of Carbondale and local residents on properly

1 installing the 109th Infantry Regimental Crest with its motto
2 "CIVES ARMA FERANT: Let the Citizens Bear Arms" on the bridge in
3 the future.

4 SECTION 9. CORNELIUS MCELHENNY MEMORIAL BRIDGE. <--

5 (A) FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
6 AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

7 (1) FOR MANY YEARS, THE BRIDGE CARRYING S.R. 54 OVER THE
8 READING AND NORTHERN RAILROAD IN MAHANOEY TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL
9 COUNTY, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NO. 53-0054-0290-0143,
10 HAS BEEN KNOWN AS THE CORNELIUS MCELHENNY BRIDGE.

11 (2) IT WAS NAMED FOR CORNELIUS MCELHENNY, A RESIDENT OF
12 MAHANOEY TOWNSHIP AND A LIFELONG PUBLIC SERVANT.

13 (3) CORNELIUS MCELHENNY WAS BORN JUNE 13, 1900, AND DIED
14 FEBRUARY 11, 1971.

15 (4) HE WORKED IN THE MOREA COLLIERY AND SERVED AS
16 PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE UNITED MINE WORKERS OF
17 AMERICA FROM 1930 UNTIL 1943.

18 (5) THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE, HE ALSO HELD POSITIONS AS
19 SUPERVISOR FOR MAHANOEY TOWNSHIP, PRESIDENT OF THE MAHANOEY
20 TOWNSHIP WATER AUTHORITY, MEMBER OF THE SCHUYLKILL COUNTY
21 EXECUTIVE BOARD, MEMBER OF THE MAHANOEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL BOARD,
22 MEMBER OF THE MAHANOEY AREA SCHOOL BOARD AND DIRECTOR OF THE
23 MOREA-NEW BOSTON BREAKER CORPORATION. HE WAS ALSO ACTIVE IN
24 ST. CANICUS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF MAHANOEY CITY.

25 (6) CORNELIUS MCELHENNY DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO HIS
26 COMMUNITY, AND IT IS FITTING THAT THE BRIDGE BE OFFICIALLY
27 AND PERMANENTLY DESIGNATED IN HIS HONOR.

28 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE, KNOWN AS STATE BRIDGE NO. 53-
29 0054-0290-0143, CARRYING S.R. 54 IN MAHANOEY TOWNSHIP, SCHUYLKILL
30 COUNTY, OVER THE READING AND NORTHERN RAILROAD, IS HEREBY

1 DESIGNATED AS THE CORNELIUS MCELHENNY MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

2 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
3 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
4 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

5 SECTION 10. VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

6 (A) DECLARATION OF POLICY.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND
7 DECLARES THAT THE BOROUGH OF LEECHBURG WOULD LIKE TO HONOR THE
8 CITIZENS OF LEECHBURG WHO HAVE HAVE SERVED OR ARE CURRENTLY
9 SERVING OUR NATION IN THE ARMED FORCES.

10 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 66 IN
11 LEECHBURG BOROUGH, ARMSTRONG COUNTY, OVER THE KISKIMINETAS RIVER
12 IS HEREBY DESIGNATED THE VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

13 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
14 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
15 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

16 SECTION 11. JUDGE ROBERT A. WRIGHT MEMORIAL ROAD.

17 (A) FINDINGS.--

18 (1) JUDGE ROBERT A. WRIGHT, A NATIVE OF THE CITY OF
19 CHESTER, BROKE RACIAL BARRIERS BY BECOMING THE FIRST AFRICAN
20 AMERICAN TO SERVE IN THE DELAWARE COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S
21 OFFICE AND ON THE COUNTY COURT.

22 (2) JUDGE WRIGHT HAD THE UNIQUE PRIVILEGE OF SWEARING IN
23 HIS OWN SON, ROBERT C. WRIGHT, TO THE BENCH IN 1992, AND THE
24 TWO ALSO HAD THE HISTORIC PRIVILEGE OF BEING THE FIRST FATHER
25 AND SON TO SERVE TOGETHER ON THE COMMON PLEAS COURT FOR
26 DELAWARE COUNTY.

27 (3) A GRADUATE OF TEMPLE LAW SCHOOL, JUDGE WRIGHT WAS
28 APPOINTED TO THE COURT IN 1970 AND WAS ELECTED TO HIS FIRST
29 TEN-YEAR TERM IN 1971.

30 (4) IN DECEMBER 1989, HE WAS APPOINTED TO A SENIOR

1 STATUS ON THE COURT UNTIL 2003 WHEN HE WAS NAMED A COURT
2 CONCILIATOR.

3 (5) PRIOR TO BECOMING A JUDGE, HE SERVED SIX YEARS AS AN
4 ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

5 (6) JUDGE WRIGHT RECEIVED THE DONALD J. ORLOWSKY AWARD
6 FROM THE DELAWARE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION AND THE DELAWARE
7 COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE LIFETIME AWARD.

8 (7) JUDGE WRIGHT WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A LEARNED JURIST
9 WHO COMBINED INTEGRITY AND COMPASSION WITH HIS STRONG
10 KNOWLEDGE OF THE LAW AND WHO ALWAYS REACHED A FAIR AND JUST
11 RESULT.

12 (8) AFTER A DISTINGUISHED LAW CAREER SPANNING 45 YEARS,
13 JUDGE WRIGHT RETIRED IN 1989 AND PASSED AWAY ON WEDNESDAY,
14 FEBRUARY 3, 2010, AT GLEN MILLS SENIOR LIVING AT THE AGE OF
15 90.

16 (B) REDESIGNATION.--THE ROAD LOCATED IN CHESTER TOWNSHIP,
17 DELAWARE COUNTY, KNOWN AS CONCORD ROAD (S.R. 3007) IS
18 REDESIGNATED AS JUDGE ROBERT A. WRIGHT MEMORIAL ROAD.

19 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
20 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE ROAD SIGNS DISPLAYING THE REDESIGNATED NAME
21 OF THE ROAD TO TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.
22 SECTION 12. 65TH INFANTRY "BORINQUENEERS" AVENUE.

23 (A) FINDINGS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES AS
24 FOLLOWS:

25 (1) THE 65TH INFANTRY REGIMENT IS A PUERTO RICAN
26 REGIMENT OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY. THE 65TH INFANTRY
27 REGIMENT PARTICIPATED IN WORLD WAR I, WORLD WAR II AND THE
28 KOREAN WAR.

29 (2) "THE BORINQUENEERS" IS A NICKNAME FOR THE 65TH
30 INFANTRY REGIMENT OF THE 3RD DIVISION IN THE UNITED STATES

1 ARMY, AN ALL-VOLUNTEER PUERTO RICAN UNIT. IT WAS DERIVED FROM
2 THE NAME BORINQUEN MEANING "LAND OF THE BRAVE LORD." IT HAS
3 ALSO BEEN INTERPRETED AS "LAND OF THE PURE."

4 (3) OVER 62,000 PUERTO RICANS JOINED THE MILITARY DURING
5 WORLD WAR II AND OVER 43,000 PUERTO RICANS SERVED IN THE
6 KOREAN WAR. WHILE IN KOREA, THE BORINQUENEERS SERVED IN NINE
7 SEPARATE MILITARY CAMPAIGNS, WITH HUNDREDS OF MEN GIVING
8 THEIR LIVES TO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY.

9 (4) THE REGIMENT WON FOUR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSSES
10 AND 125 SILVER STARS AND WAS AWARDED THE PRESIDENTIAL UNIT
11 CITATION AND THE GREEK GOLD METAL FOR BRAVERY FOR ITS
12 SERVICE.

13 (B) DESIGNATION.--WHITAKER AVENUE FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH
14 ROOSEVELT BOULEVARD IN PHILADELPHIA CITY, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY,
15 TO THE POINT WHERE IT MEETS EAST ERIE AVENUE IN PHILADELPHIA
16 CITY, PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, IS DESIGNATED AS THE 65TH INFANTRY
17 "BORINQUENEERS" AVENUE.

18 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
19 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY TO
20 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

21 SECTION 13. SERGEANT ADAM HARTSWICK INTERCHANGE.

22 (A) DECLARATION OF POLICY.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND
23 DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

24 (1) SERGEANT ADAM HARTSWICK PRESERVED A LONG-STANDING
25 FAMILY TRADITION OF MILITARY SERVICE BY PURSUING A PATH IN
26 THE UNITED STATES ARMY AFTER GRADUATING FROM STATE COLLEGE
27 AREA HIGH SCHOOL, IN STATE COLLEGE, PENNSYLVANIA, IN 2009.

28 (2) SERGEANT HARTSWICK BEGAN HIS SERVICE TO OTHERS AS A
29 VOLUNTEER WITH CENTRE LIFELINK EMS.

30 (3) AFTER GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL, SERGEANT

1 HARTSWICK COMPLETED HIS MEDICAL TRAINING AT FORT SAM HOUSTON
2 IN TEXAS, WHICH PAVED HIS WAY TO BECOMING AN ARMY SENIOR
3 COMBAT MEDIC.

4 (4) SERGEANT HARTSWICK WAS DEPLOYED TO AFGHANISTAN IN
5 DECEMBER 2012.

6 (5) IN MAY 2013, WHILE RUSHING TO THE SCENE OF AN
7 EXPLOSION THAT KILLED FOUR UNITED STATES SERVICE MEMBERS IN
8 THE KANDAHAR PROVINCE, SERGEANT HARTSWICK TRAGICALLY LOST
9 BOTH OF HIS LEGS AFTER STEPPING ON AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE
10 DEVICE AFTER TENDING TO A WOUNDED SOLDIER.

11 (6) AFTER LOSING BOTH OF HIS LEGS, SERGEANT HARTSWICK'S
12 COMPOSURE REMAINED INTACT AS HE WAS ABLE TO INSTRUCT HIS
13 PLATOON LEADER ON HOW TO ADMINISTER HIS AID.

14 (7) WHILE HE WAS RESTING IN THE HOSPITAL AFTER SURGERY,
15 A THREE-STAR GENERAL PROMOTED ADAM HARTSWICK TO SERGEANT.

16 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 45, FROM THE
17 INTERSECTION OF STATE ROUTE 26, SEGMENT 0140, OFFSET 0000, IN
18 PINE GROVE MILLS, CENTRE COUNTY, TO U.S. BUSINESS ROUTE 322,
19 SEGMENT 0240, OFFSET 0000, IN BOALSBURG, CENTRE COUNTY, IS
20 HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE SERGEANT ADAM HARTSWICK INTERCHANGE.

21 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
22 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS WHICH SHALL DISPLAY THE NAME OF THE
23 INTERCHANGE DESIGNATED IN SUBSECTION (B).
24 SECTION 14. TROOPER JOSEPH SEPP MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

25 (A) FINDINGS.--

26 (1) STATE TROOPER JOSEPH SEPP, OF THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE
27 POLICE, DIED ON NOVEMBER 10, 2002, IN THE LINE OF DUTY.

28 (2) TROOPER SEPP ENLISTED WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE
29 POLICE ON FEBRUARY 24, 1992. HE LATER GRADUATED FROM THE
30 PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE ACADEMY ON JULY 16, 1992.

1 (3) OVER 1,200 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WERE IN
2 ATTENDANCE AT ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN
3 WINDBER, PENNSYLVANIA, ON NOVEMBER 14, 2002, TO HONOR TROOPER
4 SEPP. GOVERNOR MARK SCHWEIKER NOTED, "TROOPER SEPP DID NOT
5 SWERVE FROM THE PATH OF DUTY, AND FOR THAT EVERY
6 PENNSYLVANIAN IS IN HIS DEBT."

7 (4) TROOPER SEPP SERVED HIS COMMONWEALTH AND COMMUNITY
8 WITH COURAGE AND DISTINCTION.

9 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON 17TH STREET OVER
10 STATE ROUTE 56 IN WINDBER BOROUGH, SOMERSET COUNTY, IS HEREBY
11 DESIGNATED THE TROOPER JOSEPH SEPP MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

12 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
13 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY TO
14 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY.
15 SECTION 15. BETTY ANN TOWNES MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

16 (A) FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
17 AND DECLARES:

18 (1) BETTY ANN TOWNES WAS BORN IN MOUNT HOLLY, VIRGINIA,
19 THE FOURTH CHILD AND OLDEST DAUGHTER OF DEACON ELTON ROANE
20 AND DEACONESS LUCILLE ROANE.

21 (2) MRS. TOWNES WAS A LONGTIME COMMUNITY LEADER AND
22 POLITICAL ACTIVIST.

23 (3) MRS. TOWNES WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF CHRISTIAN
24 STRONGHOLD BAPTIST CHURCH, WHERE SHE SERVED ON NUMEROUS
25 MINISTRIES AND WAS A BIBLE SCHOOL AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER.

26 (4) MRS. TOWNES WAS THE BLOCK CAPTAIN OF SYLVANIA
27 STREET, PAST WARD LEADER OF THE 12TH WARD, A DEMOCRATIC STATE
28 COMMITTEE PERSON AND POLITICAL LIAISON FOR FORMER MAYORS JOHN
29 F. STREET AND WILSON GOODE.

30 (5) MRS. TOWNES ASSISTED STATE AND LOCAL ELECTED

1 OFFICIALS OF ALL BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT AND RECENTLY WORKED
2 ALONGSIDE REPRESENTATIVE ROSITA C. YOUNGBLOOD TO SAVE HAPPY
3 HOLLOWES PLAYGROUND.

4 (6) MRS. TOWNES LIVED OUT HER LIFE DREAM AND OWNED HER
5 VERY OWN SOUL FOOD RESTAURANT NAMED KNAPPY KNICKY'S, WHICH
6 SHE OPENED IN 1993 AT WAYNE AVENUE AND SEYMOUR STREET IN
7 GERMANTOWN. THE RESTAURANT WAS KNOWN FOR CHITLIN HOAGIES,
8 GREAT FOOD AND FAMILY SERVICE.

9 (7) THE COMMUNITY CONSIDERED HER RESTAURANT TO BE A SAFE
10 HAVEN. IF A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY WERE IN NEED OF FOOD,
11 CLOTHING, JOBS OR SHELTER, MRS. TOWNES WAS ALWAYS THERE TO
12 HELP.

13 (8) MRS. TOWNES STARTED A CULINARY ARTS TRAINING PROGRAM
14 BESIDE HER RESTAURANT THAT EDUCATED YOUTH AND THE UNEMPLOYED
15 COMMUNITY.

16 (9) AFTER TIRELESSLY SERVING HER COMMUNITY AS A LEADER
17 AND POLITICAL ACTIVIST, MRS. TOWNES PASSED AWAY ON TUESDAY,
18 DECEMBER 3, 2013, AT THE AGE OF 69.

19 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE SECTION OF STATE ROUTE 30, FROM
20 CLARISSA STREET TO CHELTEN AVENUE, IN PHILADELPHIA COUNTY, IS
21 HEREBY DESIGNATED THE BETTY ANN TOWNES MEMORIAL HIGHWAY.

22 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
23 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE HIGHWAY TO
24 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE HIGHWAY.
25 SECTION 16. LIEUTENANT COLONEL CEPHUS LEE ROUPE MEMORIAL
26 BRIDGE.

27 (A) FINDINGS AND DECLARATIONS.--THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS
28 AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

29 (1) LIEUTENANT COLONEL CEPHUS LEE ROUPE WAS BORN ON
30 NOVEMBER 7, 1957, IN WAYNESBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, AND PASSED

1 AWAY AT 54 YEARS OF AGE ON MARCH 2, 2012, OF NATURAL CAUSES.

2 (2) LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROUPE PROUDLY AND COURAGEOUSLY
3 SERVED HIS COUNTRY IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY FOR 36 YEARS.

4 (3) LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROUPE BEGAN HIS CAREER AS AN
5 ENLISTED SOLDIER AND EXCELLED THROUGH THE RANKS. WHEN
6 LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROUPE WAS AN E-5 (SGT) HE APPLIED AND WAS
7 ACCEPTED INTO FLIGHT SCHOOL IN WHICH HE RECEIVED HIS AVIATION
8 WINGS AT FORT RUCKER, ALABAMA, AS A WARRANT OFFICER.

9 (4) LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROUPE WAS A FORMER WARRANT
10 OFFICER WHO RECEIVED A DIRECT COMMISSION APPOINTMENT TO THE
11 MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS AND WAS QUALIFIED IN THE UH-1, AH-1,
12 UH-60, T-42, U-21 AND C-12 AIRCRAFT.

13 (5) LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROUPE WAS ONE OF THE MOST
14 EXPERIENCED MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS AVIATORS AND WAS A MASTER
15 ARMY AVIATOR AND A COMBAT VETERAN OF OPERATION DESERT STORM,
16 THE BOSNIAN WAR - OPERATION JOINT ENDEAVOR AND TWO TOURS IN
17 IRAQ - OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM, AND AFGHANISTAN - OPERATION
18 ENDURING FREEDOM.

19 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE THAT CARRIES STATE ROUTE 18,
20 SECTION D10, SEGMENT 0070, OFFSET 0038, OVER FISH CREEK IN NEW
21 FREEPORT TOWNSHIP, GREENE COUNTY, IS DESIGNATED AS THE
22 LIEUTENANT COLONEL CEPHUS LEE ROUPE MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

23 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
24 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
25 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

26 SECTION 17. 2ND LIEUTENANT CAROL ANN DRAZBA AND VIETNAM
27 VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

28 (A) FINDINGS.--

29 (1) CAROL ANN DRAZBA WAS BORN IN DUNMORE, PENNSYLVANIA,
30 ON DECEMBER 23, 1943.

1 (2) CAROL ANN DRAZBA GRADUATED FROM DUNMORE HIGH SCHOOL
2 IN 1961. AFTER HIGH SCHOOL SHE DECIDED TO ATTEND NURSING
3 SCHOOL. DURING HER SECOND YEAR AT NURSING SCHOOL SHE JOINED
4 THE ARMY.

5 (3) 2ND LT. CAROL ANN DRAZBA COMPLETED HER BASIC
6 TRAINING AT FT. SAM HOUSTON. SHE WAS THEN ASSIGNED TO FT.
7 HUACHUCHA IN ARIZONA.

8 (4) AS THE WAR IN VIETNAM WAS ESCALATING AND THE NEED
9 FOR MEDICAL PERSONNEL GREW MOMENTOUSLY, 2ND LT. DRAZBA
10 VOLUNTEERED FOR SERVICE IN VIETNAM.

11 (5) 2ND LT. DRAZBA ARRIVED IN VIETNAM IN NOVEMBER OF
12 1965 AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE 3RD FIELD HOSPITAL NEAR SAIGON.

13 (6) AFTER WEEKS OF ENDLESS HOURS IN THE SURGICAL WARD,
14 2ND LT. DRAZBA RECEIVED A WEEKEND PASS FOR REST AND
15 RECUPERATION (R AND R). ON HER WAY FOR R AND R THE HELICOPTER
16 SHE WAS BEING TRANSPORTED IN CRASHED.

17 (7) 2ND LT. CAROL ANN DRAZBA DIED FEBRUARY 18, 1966. SHE
18 WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN FEMALE TO BE KILLED IN ACTION DURING
19 THE VIETNAM WAR. AT THE TIME OF HER DEATH, 2ND LT. DRAZBA HAD
20 A REPUTATION AS AN EXCELLENT OPERATING NURSE IN THE ARMY.

21 (B) DESIGNATION.--THE BRIDGE LOCATED ON STATE ROUTE 2020
22 OVER INTERSTATE 81 IN THE BOROUGH OF DUNMORE, LACKAWANNA COUNTY,
23 IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE 2ND LIEUTENANT CAROL ANN DRAZBA AND
24 VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL BRIDGE.

25 (C) SIGNS.--THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL ERECT AND
26 MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE SIGNS DISPLAYING THE NAME OF THE BRIDGE TO
27 TRAFFIC IN BOTH DIRECTIONS ON THE BRIDGE.

28 Section 9 18. Effective date. <--

29 This act shall take effect as follows:

30 (1) ~~Sections 3 and 7~~ SECTIONS 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 13, 14, <--

1 15, 16 AND 17 shall take effect in 60 days.

2 (2) The remainder of this act shall take effect
3 immediately.